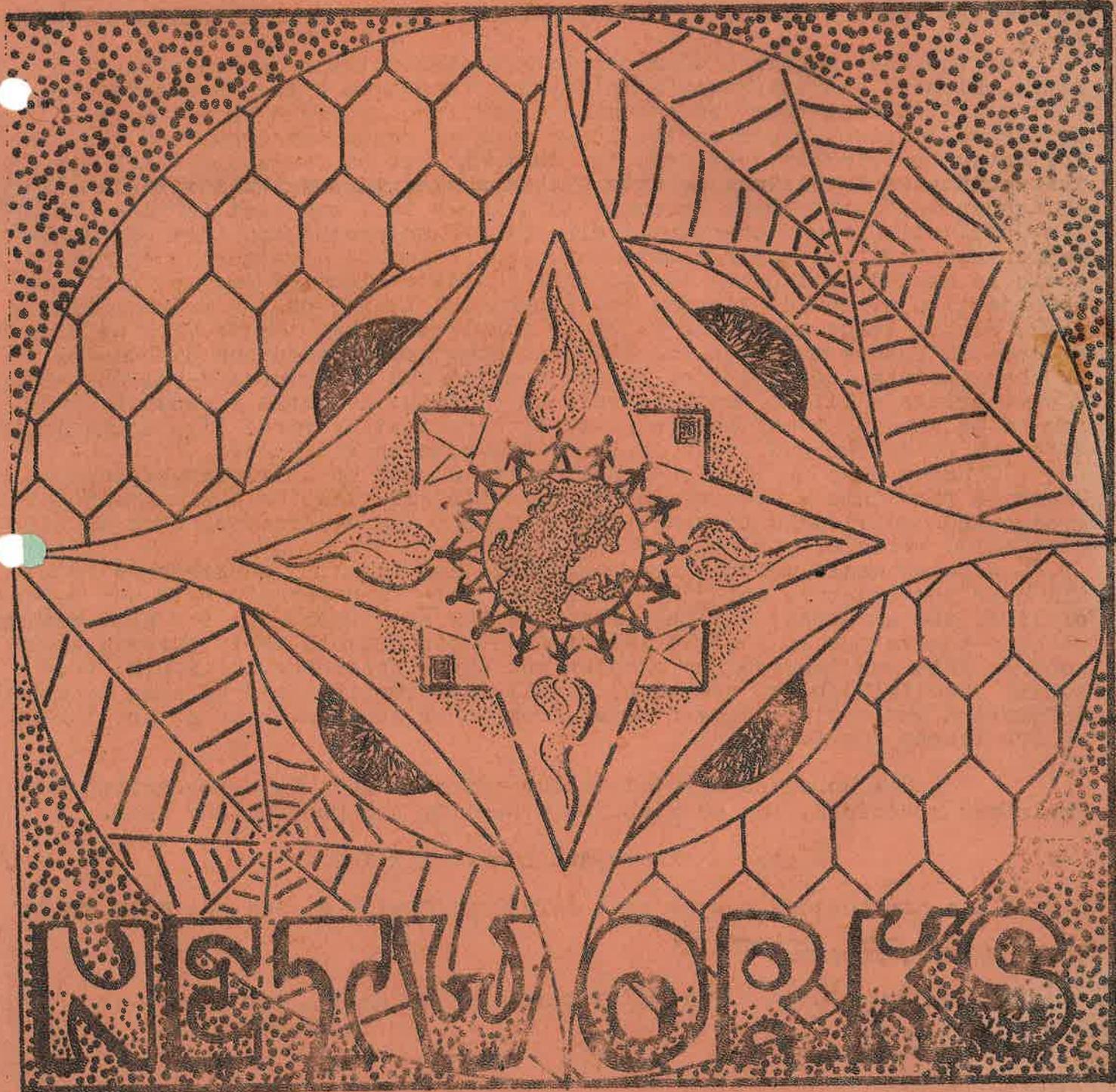


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This is the latest mailing there has been since it began. Sorry, but Bruce has retired (!) from his post as editor, and we (Steve and Lucy) have taken it on, only to encounter many difficulties in our personal lives at the same time. Apart from illness, two compulsory house movings, Steve having to travel from Bath to Glastonbury so that we can work together, it has been difficult to get down to work with various in-transit ex Greenlanders dropping in to say goodbye/buy and sell vehicles etc. (Details of the Greenlands situation you will find somewhere in the mailing) Also, editing is much more work than we expected, and that so much of the pleasure gained from reading previous mailings was down to Bruce's own skills and inspiration.... Now to blame the planets.....there are many changes afoot-microcosmic and macrocosmic. Pluto (the refining planet, destroyer of the old to make way for the new) being present in Scorpio (the unpredictable sign, potentially the deepest and most shallow of all astrological signs) is perhaps relevant to imagery for what seems to be happening in the Green Collective at the moment.

At the last meeting, many people registered their unhappiness with David, Richard and Stephanie's initiative to set up a Euro Green Gathering next year, in that they are assuming a position separate from the rest of the collective, based on the large sums of money involved, and that the collective originally grew from the desire to put on festivals which spread ~~the awareness of the Green movement as a whole in a way that is also 'Green'~~ an awareness of the Green movement as a whole in a way that is also 'Green' i.e. collectively and co-operatively. Others supported the idea of 'Green Gatherings Ltd.' and their commitment, and feel that a gathering on this scale is needed to inspire and educate a wide variety of people, and have no objection to David, Richard and Stephanie taking on the responsibility where such a large amount of money is involved. These issues will be discussed more in future mailings. The long and somewhat acrimonious discussion of these points left a lot of people feeling sad and confused-but then-change always brings a little death as well as rebirth, a little insecurity when few of us know what may happen next. We hope that everyone will communicate with the same love and trust as there has been in the past.

Changes also as the Green Collective's pool of knowledge, experience & energies flow into a network; hopefully this will inspire the many isolated groups and individuals to share their insight and experiences with us. (SEE NETWORKING article, page 3)

Also we would welcome more communication from G.C. subscribers from all over the country, not just the South West- with reference to any aspect of life, the universe, and the Green MOVEMENT as a whole. In the next mailing, we hope to give you an insight into trees-their plight, their purpose, their poetry. This was inspired by reading and shock absorbing the F.O.E. tree survey results (Dieback campaign) as well as being inspired by some beautiful information and articles given to us from other sources. What we want is MORE OF IT. Please donate!

So. Hope you appreciate our efforts. A bit late for Solstice/Christmas greetings, but we wish you a healthy and hopeful New Year.

In peace, Steve And Lucy. X X X X

P.S. All contributions can be sent to THE EDITORS; P.O. BOX 23, HIGH STREET GLASTONBURY; Somerset.

P.P.S. Re 'Tree Dieback Survey': Friends of the Earth, 377 City Road, London ECLV 1NA.

NETWORKING

At our last collective meeting over the weekend of 1st and 2nd February we decided to organise a major Networking Conference here in Glastonbury next February, the main purpose being to establish links between the local greengroups, magazines, centres and fairs that have started up across the country over the last couple of years. The weekend we have booked the 1st and 2nd of February is also the ancient Celtic Festival of Inbelc, as if we actually needed an excuse for celebration!

From the earliest days, the Green collective has been principally concerned with helping to establish local green groups and gatherings. Recently a number of local green centres have been established, some under the auspices of the Ecology/Green party, others dependant of any political faction. The Greenhouse project in Bangor is a good example of this and has helped inspire plans for similar projects in other parts of Wales and England. Nominally there are now some seventy groups around the counties of Britain. Very little is known about their progress though, as there is no regular forum for the sharing of information on local activities. Green Line keeps track of some local activities but its network pages don't have sufficient room for a full sharing of news and ideas.

A number of local green magazines in different parts of the country have provided an invaluable service by sharing information on demonstrations, actions and groups in their areas. Most of these magazines are produced by only one or two people who soon tire. Communication between these different magazines will do a lot to overcome feelings of isolation and staleness. Many community initiatives outside the security of national organisations like CND or the Ecology/Green party suffer from a lack of support and information about what is going on in other areas. One upshot of this is that single, small, local groups are easily dismissed or dismissed. It is vital to remedy this. If they felt themselves included and were seen to be an affiliate of a much wider network, they would carry much more political weight, in a genuinely de-centralist and community centred movement. Whereas a political party is limited in its activity by what is expected of it a movement can encompass an enormous range of interests and directions. A movement is concerned with cultural and personal attitudes as well as those normally thought of as political.

The dictionary defines a network as material formed like a net. In political terms a network is a non-hierarchical ~~xxxxxxx~~ system of communication that avoids the concentration of power and encourages the sharing of ideas, initiatives and experience laterally rather than through any one group or person. There are now networks for a wide range of activities, including dance, education, the media, alternative businesses, astrology, natural health etc.; quite a few networks have been set up for specific localities, Liverpool, Birmingham, Norwich are but a few.

The 'Mediator' is a magazine which links up many of those active in networks and can be contacted through Errol and Imogen Masters at ~~xxxxxxx~~ 10, Bramber court, Eaton Gardens, Hove Sussex BN3/3TS (0273 723567)

The Green Collective is very well placed to start a green network. Through Greenbase we are already linked to a number of computer networkers. We have built up a large directory of local green groups and many others in all spheres of the wider movement. We've also got experience of organising green gatherings. Through this we have established contact with green organisations over the country. Through the roadshow we now have good relations with local gatherings and fairs. The Green collective itself is not really the single group its ~~xxxxx~~ name suggests any more but is a network with some six different groups working within the collective label; including Sunflowers, our trading organisation, Greenbase our computer facility, the Land Fund, The Greenfield Collective (via the CND festival) Green Gatherings and the Green Roadshow.

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HOW MIGHT A GREEN NETWORK WORK?

It's function would be to facilitate communication and the sharing of resources and contacts between different green projects and groups throughout the counties of Britain. This might be done in a number of ways. The following would be a start:-

- 1) A regular bi-monthly mailing with information, news and dates.
- 2) quarterly gatherings (indoors and out) focused around small group meetings and celebration. These will provide invaluable space for personal communication and the generation of new ideas and schemes. The different groups present would be able to plan and co-ordinate their events and campaigns so as to avoid date clashes etc.
- 3) A computerised information base including a directory of local contacts and people with specialist skills and knowledge.

Once these basics are established, county based green networks could be particularly encouraged, being a convenient level ~~xxx~~ to operate from; small enough to be identified with whilst large enough to provide a sizeable web of support.

The first meeting of this proposed green network has been fixed for February the 1st and 2nd, perhaps with some kind of collective celebration the night before (Friday 31st January) A preliminary ~~xxxxxx~~ agenda has been ~~xxxx~~ drawn up and includes workshops on local green magazines, fairs, centres, groups; and in addition to these there will be other workshops to look at how the green network will actually work. The gathering will not, however, be all business....we are planning plenty of time for informal celebration and get togethers....we will send more full details to anyone who books. ACCOMADATION will be on the floor of friends in the area or in bed and breakfast. Please make your own arrangements if you can. Food will be available from the wholefood Cafe in the Assembly Rooms building. A creche will be provided.

~~XXXXX~~

BOOKING FORM

I/we would like to attend the Green Network Gathering at the Assembly Rooms, Glastonbury on (Jan 31st) February 1st & 2nd 1986. I/we shall be bringing ___ child/children, ages ___. We enclose a booking fee of £ ___ and a donation to the Green Network of £ ___.

(Standard booking fee is £5, although flexible upon request. Children free) Additional expenses may be needed for accommadation.

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

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..... Tel.;.....

PLEASE ENCLOSE ACCOMADATION REQUIREMENTS IF NECESSARY.

(Cheques payable to the Green Collective and send to:

8, King Street, GLASTONBURY; Somerset.

EUROPEAN GREEN GATHERING UPDATE

In the last mailing I explained some of the ideas we've got for a large gathering next summer. We're now on the verge of signing a contract. It's almost certain that we are going ahead, so get your diaries out: the Gathering will begin on TUESDAY AUGUST 19th and finish on SUNDAY 24th.

We've got lots of new ideas for this gathering and will need people with a large range of skills and contacts to help. In particular we need people interested in childcare, aikido, healing, dance, bands, first aid, video, welfare, carpentry, gate work, etc. etc

If you would like to help with any of these areas, or in numerous others, please contact me; let us know what skills and contacts you've got or even just the areas you might be interested in working on. Write to me at 8 King Street, Glastonbury, Somerset

David Taylor.

LOCAL GREEN GROUPS : NETWORKING IDEAS AND INFORMATION

SHEFFIELD Organisations arise and fall again (to fertilise the ground, of course) but the greening of Sheffield continues - plenty of energy in the growing of the Sheldon Centre (3, Sheldon Row, off The Wicker) rehearsal and meeting space, flourishing food co-op communal entertainment evenings, self-defence and non-competitive games workshops, etc and soon a cafe - sounds great. Four local greenies visited Bochum (twin town in W. Germany) at invitation of local greens there "very useful, especially for discovering the reality behind the rhetoric of each other's 'socialist' councils". New organic farm co-op needs experienced members, contact Kenthouse Farm, Ridgeway Village, near Sheffield Ideas and people needed to greet the imminent arrival of the dread MacDonalds! There's also a good little magazine called "PANIK" (20p + see out now) Further info on all these projects and more c/o THE PEACE SHOP, 5-7 EXCHANGE PLACE, SHEFFIELD 2.

LEICESTER There is at present no green group in Leicester! though there are small groups representing interests such as animal rights anti-vivisection, vegetarians, ecology issues, and so on... Three brave friends Amanda, Mark and Stewart, wrote to us saying that they are currently working on coalescing these factions into a wider-based green group; anyone interested and especially anybody with ideas or advice how best to link such local groups on a local level (e.g. those of you who have done the same elsewhere) please write to them c/o 71 Cranmer Street Leicester LE3 0QB

NORWICH

NORWICH AND NORFOLK are networking and snowballing at great speed and in fine style - All the usual groups healthy and active at greengrassroots level, on the streets and especially in the snowball (see elsewhere in this issue) centred here on RAF Sculthorpe (USAF/NATO base for long-range strike, support and spy aircraft) but spreading everywhere even unto the gates of Westminster itself (4th DECEMBER 1 P.M. WESTMINSTER BRIDGE ROAD BE THERE) Local enthusiasts seem expert in attracting council finance, paid workers and so on for Womens Centre, Third World Centre, forthcoming youth-run venue in town, and the setting up next year of an 'Environment Centre' (promising indeed) - other Labour Councils take note - good ways to spend your money!! The Norwich Peaceful Green Collective lives on, putting on and planning assorted summer fairs + winter gigs (collaborating with Rainbow Theatre People) locally and wider afield, spreading too. . a suitably eclectic magazine called The Thirteenth House appears for free... all this and much more is focussed on THE GREENHOUSE, meeting-place/shop/home/library/centre/ /inspiration point for activists from all branches of the movement, best place to get in contact with most of the above and most of the action..

THE GREENHOUSE, 48 BETHEL STREET, NORWICH, NORFOLK. NR2 1NR. (0603) 631007

Thank to those who replied to my garbled requests for info, any local groups with ideas projects activities uncertainties requests for advice or support, in fact anything you'd like to share with all of us, it helps and inspires everybody, it really does, please write to us here and we'll try to include as much as we can in each mailing...

international greens, local greens, all i need now are the small green persons from outer space to get in touch...

Steve H.

FESTIVAL FORUM FOR A FUTURE

Greenlands Farm, Glastonbury, 6-8 Sept.

This Forum consisted of meetings between various groups and people involved with Festivals within a very informal gathering of "The Children of the Rainbow". Right up to the last minute it was not certain whether the event would be able to take place on this site because of eviction proceedings against the 200 or so travellers living illegally(?) on that land. The issues surrounding the situation were immediate manifestations of the sort of problems which have beset festivals, particularly in relation to the travelling community, or 'Convoy' as the press would put it. The fears experienced at festivals over the last few years surrounding the convoy have been mostly due to a lack of co-operation, communication, and respect between organisers, travellers, press and police. It was the expressed intention of the forum to begin dealing with these tensions and misunderstandings. Trying to formalise this process, in a situation of diverse, immediate demands on all the people gathered there, was almost impossible.

There were representatives of various magazines, festival list makers, organisers, performers, travellers, peace campers, and individuals concerned with the future well-being of the festivals. Together we drew up an Agenda for the weekend, which consisted of sessions on our visions; media and publicity; Legal matters; sites and park-ups; Festival Aid group; proposals for next year's European Green Gathering; the Travellers Skool; Theatre of vision; we opened with a session called "Organisation and Anarchy". This was perhaps a mistake, given that it is almost a contradiction in terms and with the amount of organisation which had gone into making the forum happen, it was a relief that we agreed that 'co-ordination' as opposed to 'manipulation' was acceptable practice. The orientation was definitely towards the Free Festivals, particularly in the light of the events surrounding the attempt to stop the 'People's Free Festival at Stonehenge. With all the issues and emotions crystallised on this issue, it was not only impractical to hold general meetings on Stonehenge, etc. but inappropriate to expect that such meetings could do anything about it. It was however very important that these issues around Police powers, personal responsibility and politics should be raised and shared informally in order to clear the weight of rumours, prejudices, and projections which were keeping us apart.

Things became more organic, informal discussions and arguments were engaged in whilst some of the smaller, specific task meetings took place and succeeded in sorting out plans for the ongoing work towards a secure future for the festivals. There was a distinct lack of mutual co-operation and no concluding session took place, so that some people left with no clear sense of what had been achieved, particularly in those sessions where they were not present... And so it is with the life of the Festival Movement itself, a large, unruly, indefinable beast. The vision of setting up communication between all festivals to resolve this obscurity and draw together a strong, united movement was aiming far too high; but the happening brought together many people and the person-to-person links that were made are in reality the foundations on which a solid future, in truth, can be built.

Ritchie Cotterill.

ENGLISH HERITAGE / STONEHENGE 86 MEETING

October 14th: Fortress House, Saville Row.

At the invitation of English Heritage, John Michell and others got together a group of some 20 representatives of various groups with a concern for the Solstice celebrations at Stonehenge, which included Hippies (wot?), Druids, Pagans, Pilgrims, Tree Folk, Greens, Anarchists, Welfare groups and individuals. The brief was to work out how to stage an ordered and safe event for the Solstice day at the Stonehenge site (which E.H. manage, taking over control from the Department of the Environment last year) without there being a return of the Festival.

Three hours of talks followed, centering on the archeological worries of the authorities (there were also representatives of the National Trust Present) and the wish of the people to hold the festival. It was pointed out that in previous years there has never been a problem with the number of people at the stones themselves at any one time. Last year for example when there were only perhaps 3,000 people out of the 30,000+ at the festival who passed to the stones over the period of the Solstice, the groups involved in ceremonies organically sorted out their own timing. It seemed fairly clear

(Stonehenge continued)

that there was ultimately no reason (apart from ignorance and fear) why the National Trust could not provide an alternative site on archeologically inert land within walking distance of the Stones and that the reasons that were their concern could all be resolved through communication and co-operation.

There was a great exchange of ideas and feelings on both sides, and a genuine desire to avoid any repetition of the violence of this summer. Care for the site at and around Stonehenge (even just ecological care!) meant that the festival could not continue to grow any bigger or longer; it must therefore change, become more organised (legal?). There could be no satisfactory way of holding a limited Solstice observance at the stones without there being a Festival of some kind nearby. It seems like the problems with damage, drugs, rubbish and health could be resolved, as could the finding of a suitable site, with the beginning of a new 12-year cycle on an air of positive co-operation; these meetings can communicate understanding and create the trust needed for a practical compromise. This left us all with a great deal to think about, particularly, I think, for English Heritage and the National Trust to assimilate the feelings and ideas of which they had previously no idea. WE felt strong, positive, if a little hampered and suspicious of the bureaucracy.

Ritchie Cotterill.

N.B. A meeting following this (11th November) was attended by many individuals from whom we have been passed the information that a meeting of Amesbury District Council voted with a 12 - 10 majority in favour of finding a suitable alternative site. More details will be given when they are forwarded. L.L.

*STOP PRESS from meeting 11.11.85. English Heritage etc. (via Richie)

The meeting was very positive, they seem to have taken on the concepts which were put across at the first meeting & are now actively supporting the search for a suitable site within a five mile radius of Stonehenge - about 60 acres with more in reserve. A petition from locals (3/4 mile radius) was handed in with 30 signatures (so far) asking ~~xxx~~ for the permanent reinstatement of the festival. The issue of the administration of National Trust land, doing damage themselves, whether they do by archeologically inert land, should be investigated further. They are also prepared on principle to issue positive statements for the festival since their gross negative stance last year, and to give financial assistance on leasing sites * * * * A further telephone call to English Heritage on 18th December to check for further developments revealed that:

- 1) Wiltshire County Council have decided against having a festival
- 2) The Ministry of Defence have agreed to provide any land for the purpose of a festival
- 3) A private landowner who is prepared to let his land be used for a festival has not yet turned up...

There will be another meeting re. this issue at English Heritage's Headquarters on February 6th. The address is FORTRESS HOUSE, 23 Saville Row, W1.

The Travellers' Handbook: Richie has received a copy of the 'Travellers' Handbook' for the Roadshow, from FWS. It is written by Bill Forester and is a very clear analysis of the law affecting gipsies and other travellers, covering topics from sites, evictions, education and licensing, to housing and Social Security, with a full reading and resource list it is a mine of information. £5.95 from the publishers, Interchange Books, 15 Wilton Street, London NW5 3NG (plus 60p post & packing).

MOLESWORTH PLOUGHSHARES AND TOOLS FOR ERITREA.

The Molesworth Ploughshares Campaign started at Molesworth in April 1984 when hundreds trespassed on the base to plant wheat for the starving in Eritrea (presently occupied by Ethiopia).

Most of this first crop and the second crop, planted during the Harvest for the Hungry Green Gathering was trampled over and destroyed when Hesseltine's "shock troops" evicted the Rainbow Village last February.

The campaign to send wheat to the starving in Eritrea has, however, continued. Nearly 150 tonnes of wheat for emergency famine relief has now been sent to Eritrea from Molesworth together with thousands of blankets and children's clothing. When the rains finally began in May the Molesworth wheat fund was able to contribute over £10,000 worth of seeds for the Eritreans first crop in three years.

Their first concern now, however, is to regain their self reliance. For this they need tools, particularly spades, hoes, animal drawn ploughs and harrows. This winter, groups are being asked to collect and re-furbish tools of all kinds in preparation for the 'Digger's Walk' next easter when people will march to Molesworth carrying the tools they have collected. In a mass civil disobedience they will then try out the tools ~~out~~ on the base, demonstrating opposition to a determination that the land be used for peaceful purposes.

All participants are being asked to take part in specific 'Digger's Walk' non-violent training sessions and to abide by the principles of conduct outlined for it. If anyone can help with this campaign, whether by collecting tools or by raising funds and publicising activities, could they please contact the Molesworth Ploughshares Campaign, The Old School, Clopton, Northants. NN14 3DZ

GREEN FIELD REPORT: 1986

The most important news is that over the years of Green Gatherings at Worthy Farm & Lamberts Hill and the two Greenfields at 'The Big Bath', Michael Eavis and Jean are quite impressed with our ideas and ideals and some some important 'Green' concepts are now creeping into 'Babylon' itself. Last year we were concerned to discover (very late) that the Dome and the alternative technology displays also Greenpeace and Interhelp were now to come on to our field. We were told we couldn't have all the 'best' acts!! The plans for '86 ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ involve even more GREEN thoughts being put into some practice around the site. There's a long way to go, e.g. decentralisation quality rather than sheer quantity; the meat, throwaway, rubbish, commercial stuff; the big name bands that attract so many booze and speed artists, etc. However, Michael and Jean are trying to cut down on meat, litter mongers, and alcohol, also they are ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ commissioning Katie to create gardens around the whole site. The collective can also have a marquee 'down there' if it aims to reach the folk that loon around without a green field thought in their heads. So- we need to broaden our view and allow for Green stuff to be happening not just on the Greenfield but all over.

This year there will be (hopefully) much more communication- it takes a couple of years to learn the ropes- a bit more budget, more tickets and hopefully a willingness among ourselves to do some of our work in 'Babylon'

Please get in touch, if you wish to get involved, with either Kim McGavin, The Dragon's Lair, Hillview, Swimbridge, Barnstaple, Devon (tel. 0321 830330) or with Ann Waterhouse, 55 Stuart Close, Emmer Green, Reading, Berks. RG4 8RF tel. 0734 478297

and please come to the meeting Greenfield '86, at West Oxford Community Centre, Binsey Lane (off Botley Road) On: SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER** If you can't make it but would like to express your views, please write in a vase to either of the above addresses. ** 11am -6pm.



Alone, we are a drop of water
Many-coloured in the sunlight,
But oh, so fragile, and easily swept away.
Together, our droplets merge,
Become a pool - home for fertile thoughts -
Become a lake - with clear and limitless vision -
Become a sea - with strength and power to our will
As the sea we will sweep away all wrong
Careless and unfeeling acts.
We will flow with the tides of our Mother the Earth,
Seeking the easiest, the most natural solution,
And we will cleanse all that is flawed from the planet.
As yet, there are only small pools of water
Relentlessly wearing away the stones of greed and profit,
Continuously striving to nourish and nurture,
But soon we will be great lakes
With unknown powers in our depths.
Will you aid our growth?
Come flow a little towards me
And feel the joy of the pure refreshing stream
That murmurs its way to boundless oceans.

TINA PYE

(the Liverpool Network)

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL GREEN CAMPAIGNS & ACTIVITIES.....

GREENPEACE.... are still bogged down with all the extra work they have following the tragic episode involving the Rainbow Warrior (her Spirit still sails in our hearts) and the death of Fernando Pereira; they were therefore unable to provide any updated information regarding several of their campaigns, so here follows some information about some of their lesser publicised issues.... Greenpeace fears that Antarctica may become the focus of a "gold rush" for its speculated untapped mineral resources, and for the commercial exploitation of 'krill', a species at the bottom of the food chain in Antarctic ecology. It is hoped that the permanent presence of Greenpeace activists and a monument, erected to declare Antarctica a world park will draw attention to and support for this issue...

DRAX power Station, near Selby, North Yorkshire comes on stream in January 1986, & will be the single most polluting power station in Europe. Britain's massive sulphur dioxide output is already damaging the forests and waterways of many Scandinavian countries. It is also costing British agriculture an estimated £200 million in reduced yields - and still the British government refuses to join the 30% club, a group of advanced industrial nations who have agreed to reduce sulphur dioxide emissions by 30% in the next 10 years..... for more details of these and other campaigns write to Greenpeace, 36, Graham Street, London N1 8LL.....

LOCAL *FOCUS*... we hope to regularly include a brief but informative article featuring the activities and issues relating to some of Britain's smaller Green groups ... if you are involved with a group such as this we would welcome any articles sent to us....

CRITICAL MASS, from Thanet (Ramsgate, Margate, Broadstairs area) have so many issues to take up; untreated sewerage polluting the sea shore, over-farmed cabbage prairies, a freight terminal staffed by Scandinavian personnel, and therefore not subject to restrictions that British (National Union of Seamen) request and support (is nuclear waste passing through Ramsgate town centre?) and the proposed 'new road', requested by the majority of residents after many juggernauts leaking toxic matter/endangering the lives of pedestrians (schools and a hospital on their access route) is to be built at Pegwell Bay: a conservation area focussing on a nearby bird sanctuary, a savannah grass marsh, and a globally unique geological feature. To add to the delights a plastic bullet factory at nearby Richborough, and American fighter jets screaming frequently and unjustifiably(?) around R.A.F. (U.S.A.F.?) base Manston... many of these issues were shelved this year as Critical Mass supported a squat and raised funds and for people made homeless by the now recanted Social Security lodging laws. Funds are raised by selling excellent C-M artwork (badges, t-shirts) and by organising local rock/folk/poetry reading gigs. What is really needed is practical support for those at the centre of the activities, as hopelessness by so many in this Conservative stronghold does not motivate so many desperate people from their apathy. Strength and love to Tony and Padra, CRITICAL MASS, 6 Broad Street, Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet, Kent.

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CHILDREN OF THE GREEN EARTH IS A MOVEMENT TO educate and involve children in the support of many Green issues including The Women of Kenya Green Belt movement, India's Chipko project, Robert Mazibuko's African Tree Centre and other efforts for a Green and peaceful Earth.... for details of these and other projects, write to: P.O. Box 200, Langley, W.A. 98260, U.S.A.

BY THE WAY... is anyone⁶ in the Cambridge area able to transport the Green Collective's marquee down to the next meeting? IF so could you contact David Taylor, tcl. Glastonbury 31970... Thanks....



POLARISWATCH SNOWBALL LETTER

About once a month a nuclear warhead convoy leaves the Royal Ordnance factory at Burghfield, near Reading, bound for the Royal Navy Armament depot at Coulport, Gungbartonshire. The purpose of the convoy is to take reconditioned warheads up to Coulport for use on POLARIS subs. The convoy then brings unstable, and more dangerous, warheads back down to Burghfield for recycling. Obviously if the convoy crashes there is a great risk of radioactive spillage. An accident did in fact take place recently in the town of Helensburgh, when one of the warhead trucks rammed into the truck in front. The streets were immediately cleared and local bystanders locked in shops. Needless to say the incident had a dramatic effect on the local population.

Interest is growing in tracking the convoy. CRUISEWATCH and Northern groups have proved that such convoys can be tracked, as have the American NUKEWATCH that tracks the convoy in the States.

At present we do not know enough about the Polaris convoy movements. Sometimes they appear to follow a rather convoluted route. Sometimes they go to unexpected destinations. Clearly we need to know more about the route. Therefore, it has been suggested that 'phone trees should be set up with the object of tracking the convoy later in the year, possibly November. People will be alerted when the convoy enters their area and told of its possible route. Hopefully they will be able to mount road side vigils, as NUKEWATCH do, or in some cases could follow in cars for part of the journey. Local press campaigns can be organised around this - further details available later.

POLARISWATCH can be as effective as CRUISEWATCH and NUKEWATCH - if enough people are interested. The more people who become involved the less each individual will have to take on.

If you are able to take part in POLARISWATCH or would like an information pack please fill in the form below and return it to Janet Convery, CND, 22-24 Underwood St. London N1. If you want to discuss anything further 'phone Janet on 01 250 4010 or Polly Woolley on Oxford (0865) 512268.

PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS LETTER AND SEND COPIES TO ANYONE YOU THINK WOULD BE INTERESTED IN POLARISWATCH.

- * I would like to be on a POLARISWATCH telephone tree.
- * I would like a POLARISWATCH information pack.

NAME ADDRESS.....

*Daytime 'phone number *Eve. 'phone no.

* delete where applicable:



NEWS FROM MOLESWORTH ...

There are now three peace camps at Molesworth, including a Christian CND camp outside the old Rainbow Village site, an anarchist camp in the peace garden, and the Peoples' Peace Camp on the other side of the base in Warren Lane. Incursions into the base happen on an almost daily basis and the police have to bring in reinforcements every weekend. Any support would be enormously appreciated and any new people would be extremely welcome.

Green Day: Some 400 people attended the Green Day at Molesworth on November 23rd. Small-scale actions occurred at different parts of the perimeter and some 10 or 12 people were arrested. Paul Johns, the new Chair of CND, spoke at Peace Corner, and three Green Party women chained themselves to a barricade in front of the main Peace Corner gate.

This demonstration and a number of other activities seemed to have impressed the CND leadership. They have increased Green CND's annual budget for next year, whilst cutting that of Liberaā and Labour CND :

The Alconbury/Molesworth Land Fund: has now reached the point of exchanging contracts with the landowner, who will otherwise be forced to sell his land to make way for the new cruise link road at Molesworth. Those of you who have bought land should be receiving conveyances before the new year.

Flackjacket Day ... February 6th 1986: CND are commemorating the eviction of the Rainbow Village last February with a mass blockade of all entrances to the base. The action will begin at 6 am on Thursday February 6th. The Green Collective was involved in setting; this should certainly be a date for our diaries. Spread the word, form affinity groups and prepare. Details from Ross MacKenzie at CND, 22-24 Underwood Street, London N1 7JQ.

Snowballing

Many of you will be familiar with the Snowball campaign which has been taking place at different bases in Britain for a number of months. The campaign began at USAF Sculthorpe in Norfolk, but has now become more focussed on the cruise missile base in Cambridgeshire. Every two months or so, increasing numbers of people gather at these bases to symbolically and openly cut the fence. The police and press are informed of the details well in advance. The actions are undertaken in the spirit of nonviolence. Anyone who wants to participate is asked to conduct themselves in this spirit.

The latest Snowball took place on the weekend of November 9th and 10th. Roger Franklin and Pete Brown had earlier been arrested for 'incitement to commit criminal damage' whilst leafleting for the action at the CND demonstration on October 26th. For this and a number of other Molesworth-related offences, Pete Brown is expecting a 20 to 30-day prison sentence over the Christmas period. If anyone would like to send him a card or some flowers, he's almost certain to be in Gloucester prison.

Some one hundred and fifty people attended the last Snowball at Molesworth. About 40 of these were arrested eventually. Initially the police adopted a 'no arrests' policy. It was only after an hour and a half of continuous attempts to cut the fence that the police reluctantly began their arrests. It is clear from their general attitude that the authorities do not want Molesworth back in the headlines, and will therefore do whatever they can to avoid mass arrests.

The next Snowball will be held at bases all over Britain on January 18th/19th. The Molesworth snowball is asking for 350 volunteers. If you would like to take part please register with Pete Brown at 23 Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol BS 16. Registration for Snowball activities at other bases should be done through Angie Zelta at Valley Hope Farm, East Runton, Cromer, Norfolk. A new briefing is also available from the above address.

The Grass is always GREENER ...

Some of you will have noticed from the press that the Ecology Party has recently decided to change its name to 'Green'. This comes more than four years after the Ecology Party Gathering Collective made the same decision. The ironic thing is that our decision was based on a desire to avoid being exclusively associated with the Ecology Party! Perhaps the lesson here is that 'green' is so hugely popular as to mean that all parts of the wider movement must learn to co-operate more fully, and to avoid centralised exclusive monopolies, if we are to honestly share the green label.

GREENLANDS FARM, Glastonbury

Since the last issue of the Mailing, travellers all over the country have been coming under more and more pressure, and the site at Greenlands Farm has now been closed down after a series of court cases. Alison Collyer, the landowner, returned to the High Court on October 30th to be given a six month sentence - suspended for one month - for failing to comply with the earlier injunction to clear the site. She was also refused legal aid with which to fight this case or to evict the travellers, who eventually appeared before Yeovil County Court on December 4th.

This was the first time they had been given the chance to speak for themselves in the matter, and as a result the court gave them a further 14 days to leave, "the maximum the law will allow in the circumstances". On December 6th Alison returned to the High Court yet again, when her prison sentence was deferred for another month.

Local farmers have volunteered to pull trucks and buses out of the appalling mud; and as we go to press, all but a few stragglers have left and it appears that the danger of Alison going to prison has been averted. The behaviour of the local District Council - who used the threat to Alison and rumours of vigilantes and riot police to persuade the travellers to move - and the local press - which has kept up the most disgraceful smear campaign for months on end - has had to be experienced to be believed.

Leaving Greenlands Farm has not helped the travellers to find somewhere else to go for the winter, whilst local authorities all over the country are busy evicting squats and illegal park-ups. Somerset County Council have been dragging their feet over their statutory responsibilities to provide legal transit sites; but they have already found that the 'problem' will not simply go away, as most people from Greenlands have moved on to land owned by the Council in other parts of the County.

Bruce.

ADVERT: New project in North Devon, working title DRAGONS LAIR VENTURE.

INSPIRATION: Dragons Lair Cafe, Hood Fayre, Summer '85.

LOCATION: Hillview, Yeolands Lane, Swimbridge, Barnstaple, North Devon.

FIRST EVENT: Gig with Pendragon folk band & friends (inc Bob & Phil of DIB JAK).

VENUE: The Boat House, Instow, North Devon.

DATE: 15th Nov '85 and fortnightly (maybe even weekly) thereafter. Christmas Live Aid special.

INTER-RELATED ACTIVITIES: Poster artwork and sign painting, 'Agency' for gigs, performers, work, and green stuff. Shoe making, cottage renovation, guitar teaching, group dynamics, goal-quest for groups, circle dance and music workshops. Producing programmes for gigs including people's skills & talents, small ads etc. Wholefood outside catering, etc etc.

ALSO: the house is available for meetings, rehearsals, B&B, sales of tapes, books, crafts, etc.

ANSAFONE: coming soon

DETAILS: KIM (0271) 830332. (NB: visiting performers welcome subject to venue and timing etc).

ANY PROFITS: to support community projects.

Since the late 1960's and early 1970's, free festivals have grown to be an important part of the alternative culture, and many of the individuals involved in such a scene from the beginning have themselves, and inspired others to, spend the entire summer-if not their entire lifestyle travelling from site to site, many in converted buses and trucks. Individual skills have been put to use as travelling stallholders, site workers and entertainers become a foundation and focus for many events. As people relate more to the travelling lifestyle and less to the crumbling moral/social fabric of inner cities, travelling groups have been formed, sharing resources, and these groups are still encountering the same problems and prejudices from the general public as gypsies have been encountering for centuries. They are also victims of distorted media hysteria ('Illegal hippy gun convoy in sex terror') and police harassment, mostly because of the misunderstood, alienated and persecuted drunken minority who tag along looking for some kind of freedom and respect. The travellers school project addresses itself to the development of the children growing up in the middle of all this. In 1983 it was estimated that there were the children of a group of about 350 people 'on the road' and this number has doubled each year. Within the travelling community there are a large proportion of children who receive no state schooling whatsoever; this is largely due to the way travelling peoples see the irrelevancy of state school education and its values in the context of their children's lifestyle and welfare. Life 'on the road' for many children is both fascinating and hard making immediate demands on their resourcefulness; they learn by experience to deal with a wide variety of ~~different~~ people and situations. At each new site there is a different environment to explore, offering endless educational possibilities in ecology, geography, history, science, technology and sociology. Within the travelling community and especially at festivals there are people with a wide range of skills, knowledge, and enthusiasms which they would be more than willing to share; but these potentials for more conceptual (formal) learning are rarely realised. Mostly this is due to lack of resources, energy, and continuity caused by the pressures of travelling, poverty, and harassment. What is needed is a communal space into which activities can be focussed.

We would like your help in establishing a school for the travellers children, fitted out with work-tops, cupboards, display space, and equipment to travel to appropriate festivals over the summer, and either tour the sites or to stay in one large settlement over the winter. It would be the responsibility of driver-teachers to help co-ordinate activities and focus project work, incorporating the basic skills of literacy, numeracy, and communication, in order that the children can better understand and express their discoveries. The nature of the education we hope to provide is flexible and child centred, an individually based system relevant to the multicultural society in which we now live.

Obviously, to establish such a project, we would need funds in order to purchase and equip the vehicle, as well as to pay the wages of at least two full time teachers. Before we can seek such funds, I feel there needs to be a committee formed to establish the basic outline of the project, giving a broad base of support to apply for funding and to oversee/manage its running. Eventually we would hope to find permanent funding from the government education dept., but at present there is not a category into which such an educational facility easily fits. I would be pleased to receive correspondence on this matter, and to meet with interested parties at your convenience.

Richie Cotterill, Waterleat, Ashburton, Newton Abbott, Devon.

(Initial support for this project is coming from: The Green Collective and Green Roadshow, and Festival Welfare Services)

GREENBASE REPORT...GREENBASE REPORT...GREENBASE REPORT...GREENBASE

It is now nearly a year since Greenbase was set up to provide computer facilities for the Green Collective/Network. So far this has been mainly used for secretarial purposes and the much easier production of successive drafts of the Collective's "strategy" pamphlet (using the word processing facilities). Once an extensive green database is set up in London (see below), then Greenbase can be plugged into this to play a part in spreading the benefits of computer networking.

40% of the debt owing for the computer system has now been repaid. Most of that money has come from "outside" services, usually the handling of mail of mailing lists, for groups ranging from Watait Molesworth Peace Camp, S.D.P. Greens, to a charitable trust for children. With the continuing prospect of a slow but steady income, Greenbase should be paid for by January 1987. If anyone reading this knows of a group who would benefit from the services of Greenbase, please contact me at the address below.
GREENBASE? 16a, White Cottage Courtyard, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury.
tel. c/o Glastonbury 31970

GREEN DATABASE/ELECTRONIC BULLETIN BOARD

Mitra, a friend and supporter of the Collective/Network, has been setting up an electronic bulletin board and a green database in London. The bulletin board is a kind of electronic version of a community notice-board, the difference being that people from far and wide can look at or leave messages or other information, and that far more information can be displayed. It is dedicated to the discussion & networking of Green issues, and can therefore be used as a skills exchange network. To use the system, both a computer and a "modem" is required, a device to plug into a telephone which is now operating ("on line") in computer speak. For more information, including the "phone number" of the board, contact Mitra at the address below.

Also, Mitra is setting up a Green database & information archive a vast reference library of publicly available addresses and details of groups within the wider Green/Alternative movement for easy access by those who need to make such links.

Anyone who is a reasonably fast and accurate typist might contact Mitra with offers of help with entering addresses etc.
MITRA: 47, Lancaster Grove, London, NW3 4HB tel. 01-435-2384.

THE LAST NIGHT OF RAINBOW FIELDS VILLAGE AT MOLESWORTH - a vivid and

heartrending account of the invasion of Rainbow Fields Village by the Flying Blackjacket and his army of professional..... "Sappers biggest operation since Rhine Crossing in 1944" - Daily Telegraph.... "The elite - see how only 3,000 men overcame more than 100 aging hippies" - Spittin' Image..... This booklet is the last chapter of a full length book about Rainbow Fields at Molesworth during the winter of 1984/5, and is being sold to raise the funds to publish the whole story. £1 inc. postage from Bruce Garrard, P.O. Box 23, Glastonbury, Somerset.

THE GREEN GATHERING A DVICE PACK... has nearly sold out and it is time to

to plan a second edition. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who has comments, criticisms or additions to make, particularly contributors to the first edition and people who have used the advice pack.
Write to Bruce Garrard, P.O. Box 23, Glastonbury, Somerset.....

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RIF RAFF POETS (3) 1986 issue, £1 from Freedom Bookshop, Angel Alley, 84b Whitechapel High Street, London E1..... a pot-pourri of poetry, peace, anarchist punk rainbow village football poems" (quote!) certainly words worth reading by Jeff Cloves, Dennis Gould, & Fat Van Twest..

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I noticed the controversy going on over Stradbroke's Estate in Suffolk & the meeting of the Euro Greens.

This is valuable work. I know it involves cash values & getting caught up with that set up together with organisational pressures. For me, who set this meeting up between the Earl of Stradbroke and David Taylor, it is also difficult, as I am of Suffolk peasant stock & colonial background and can't stand large crowds of people I don't know. But it is right that we should proceed.

If the people of the Green Collective feelin difficulties, they are not alone. I have been trying to de-centralise the district for the last fifteen years. During this time I have been seized by the police and branded as a schi-phrenic for my pains!

Taking on the establishment in this country is a nightmare. But we will win. Long live Avalonia and the Rainbow Village! If ever I can help any of you through the post or in my meditation I will (I am now an invalid)

I love and respect you all, TIM

Tim Pye, 25 The Trossachs, Oulton Lowestoft, Suffolk.

Letter from Karelia.

In the Greenfield at Pilton some Drongo stole my flute. I'd left it on a table, the thief walked off with it and swapped it for some beer, I hassled everyone for days, when I got my flute back I asked no questions.

In Dyfed aboy with a beard ~~xxx~~ took my adjustable spanner to 'test me'. I think he wanted to beat me up, to ~~xxx~~ prove his manhood. Dogs live like that. Whence legal systems, and honour among thieves. If a law passed by a democratic parliament of my equals commands me then that is a very strong reason to obey, but I am free to disobey if I feel I ought. Indeed, I felt it my duty to travel to Stonehenge last summer and to lose the battle, perhaps when I have read more Jung I will understand why I am proud....

Libertarian philosophers argue about the right to justly acquired property; I worked for three years to buy my bus and toolkit, but the society in which I worked exploits the powerless in the third world. Whence revolution, non-violent revolution within democracies, and assassination in Johannesburg....

Jean-Paul Sartre, writing about Baudelaire, said that the revolutionary wants to change the world but the rebel is careful to preserve the abuses from which he suffers so that he can go on rebelling against them. Me, here and now, I don't want a revolution where nice old ladies get hit over the head and sent to prison, I don't want a revolution if I have to sing. I want to be free to dance when and if I choose....

P.S. Will whoever 'borrowed' my crash helmet at Inglestone please return it.

Your cousin, DICE GEORGE. ?Greenlands Farm, Glastonbury.

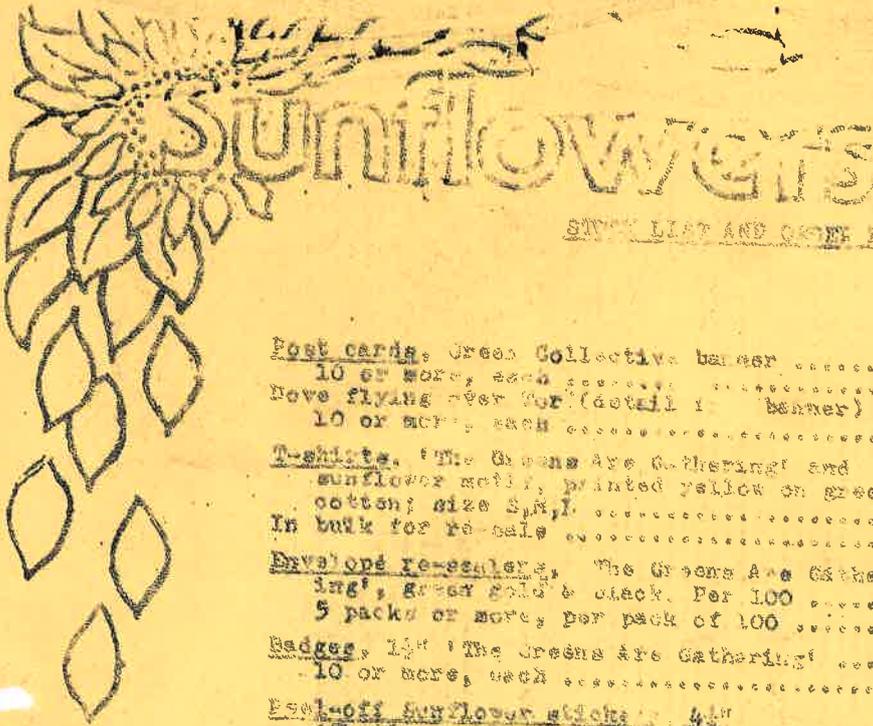
Green Collective Financial Report, October 1985.

The collective as a whole receives money from subscriptions which are not coming in as much as are needed and about £100 is needed to cover the cost of the next two mailings.
-Sunflowers (see page 17)

The Land Fund should open it's account and the money which is presently in the collective account should be paid into it in full so that land Fund expense claims for administration can be made from the collective account. The L-F committee should consider buying some of the Alconbury /Molesworth Band Fund.

The Green Roadshow was 37p overdrawn but was saved by a generous donation from 'Unique Publications'. There is a tentative claim for at least £500 for a travellers kids SKOOL BUS and a marquee would be nice too.....

The Greenfield (see page 8) and Greenbase (see page 15)



Sunflowers

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SUNFLOWER LIST AND ORDER FORM

	Unit Price	Quantity Required	Total Price
Post cards, Green Collective banner	0.20		
10 or more, each	0.20		
None flying over for (detail in banner)	0.20		
10 or more, each	0.12		
T-shirts, 'The Greens are Gathering' and sunflower motif, printed yellow on green cotton, size S,M,L	4.00	S.....	
In bulk for re-sale	3.50	M.....	
Developed T-shirts, 'The Greens are Gathering', green gold & black. Per 100	2.50	L.....	
5 packs or more, per pack of 100	2.00		
Badges, 1 1/2" 'The Greens are Gathering'	0.25		
10 or more, each	0.20		
Peel-off Sunflower stickers, 4 1/2"			
'The Greens are Gathering'	0.20		
'Liberate the Earth'	0.30		
'Animal Liberation'	0.30		
'Women's Liberation'	0.30		
'Green CND'	0.30		
'Scottish Ecology Party' (see Appendix)	0.30		
'In Search of...'	0.30		
Bulk price for 10 or more, each	0.20		
Leaflets, 'The Greens are Gathering' and yellow and green, per 100	1.00		
Green star reflector badges, metallic, 2 1/2" diameter	0.50		
5 or more, each	0.40		
The Green Pack includes car sticker, sample Greenline magazine, leaflets, articles, stickers, badge	1.50		

Sunflowers Report... Ann Gunn, 3 Wordsworth Road, Brentford Essex EN7 5SX (tel 376 81184)

Sunflowers, the Green Collective trading group is now turning over a sum of nearly £1,000 a year. Although extensive re-stocking has meant that there has not yet been a nice big profit returned to the group, we do now hold large stocks of most items and future sales will yield a profit for the collective. Also, of course, it's all good publicity for the green movement and not just a money-making exercise.

A new venture this summer has been the printing of car stickers in co-operation with Green CND and the Welsh and Scottish Ecology parties - a useful co-operative activity allowing us to get a cheaper print run for larger quantities. I especially like the 'liberate the Earth' stickers. Details of these and other 'sunflowers' goods are listed above.

Boiling subscribers are invited to help by selling 'Sunflowers' goods at local events, fairs, etc., or at workplaces, college, and to individual friends and acquaintances. You can make money for your own local group by buying at bulk prices and selling retail, sale or return. Orders can be arranged. If you are interested, please contact Ann Gunn at the above address.

ALSO please note the price reduction of the 'greens are Gathering' leaflets, which are excellently written, illustrated and produced containing information regarding most aspects of the Green Collectives projects and activities.

